

# REPORT

FROM

## STANDING COMMITTEE A

ON THE

### Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill.

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE



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## STANDING COMMITTEE A.

[Thursday, 27th February, 1908].—Selection (Standing Committees and Chairmen's Panel).—Sir William Brampton Gordon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Members to serve on the three Standing Committees for the consideration of all Public Bills, not relating exclusively to Scotland, which may be committed to a Standing Committee.

## STANDING COMMITTEE A.

Mr. Arthur Allen.  
Sir William Anson.  
Mr. Ashley.  
Mr. Attorney-General.  
Mr. Godfrey Baring.  
Sir John Bethell.  
Mr. Boland.  
Mr. Bowerman.  
Mr. Cave.  
Sir Frederic Cawley.  
Mr. Evelyn Cecil.  
Mr. Clive.  
Mr. Cockfield.  
Sir William Collins.  
Mr. Charles Corbett.  
Mr. Charles Craig.  
Mr. David Davies.  
Mr. Ellis Davies.  
Mr. Timothy Davies.  
Mr. Devlin.  
Mr. Arthur Dewar.  
Sir Walter Foster.  
Mr. Gladstone.  
Mr. Gosling.  
Mr. Gwynne.  
Mr. William Edwin Harvey.  
Mr. Holt.  
Mr. William Hope.  
Mr. Hudson.  
Sir John Jardine.  
Lord John Jocoy-Cecil.  
Mr. William Jones.  
Mr. Joyce.

Mr. Lambton.  
Mr. Bonar Law.  
Mr. Maclean.  
Mr. Mansfield.  
Mr. Lloyd Morgan.  
Mr. McKillop.  
Mr. Morrell.  
Mr. Nussey.  
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.  
Mr. Parkes.  
Mr. William Pearce.  
Dr. Pollard.  
Mr. Raphael.  
Sir John Randles.  
Mr. Walter Rea.  
Mr. Rendall.  
Mr. Thomas Richards.  
Mr. Thomas Frederick Richards.  
Mr. Ridsdale.  
Mr. Charles Roberts.  
Earl of Rosabishay.  
Mr. Rose.  
Mr. Rothschild.  
Mr. Herbert Samuel.  
Mr. Seaverns.  
Colonel Seely.  
Dr. Shipman.  
Mr. Smeaton.  
Mr. Smyth.  
Mr. Waldron.  
Mr. Walrond.  
Mr. John Ward.  
Mr. Cathcart Watson.

## CHAIRMEN'S PANEL.

Sir William Brampton Gordon further reported from the Committee, That they had selected the following Eight Members to be the Chairmen's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of the Four Standing Committees to be appointed under Standing Order No. 47.—Sir Francis Channing, Sir Thomas Esmonde, Mr. Laurence Hardy, Sir William Holland, Sir David Brynmor Jones, Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Mr. Eugene Watson, and Mr. John William Wilson.

[Friday, 28th February, 1908].—Standing Committees (Chairmen's Panel).—Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Stuart-Wortley to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A; and Mr. Eugene Watson to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

Mr. Stuart-Wortley further reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had agreed to the following Resolution. That any Member of the Chairmen's Panel be and he is hereby empowered to ask any other Member of the Chairmen's Panel to take his place in case of necessity.

[Tuesday, 3rd March 1908] :—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir William Brampton Gurdon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee A: Mr. Baldwin.

[Monday, 9th March, 1908] :—Standing Committees.—Ordered, That all Standing Committees have leave to print and circulate with the Votes the Minutes of their Proceedings, and any amended Clauses of Bills committed to them.—(Mr. Eugene Wason.)

[Thursday, 12th March, 1908] :—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir William Brampton Gurdon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Mr. Charles Craig; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Thomas Lorimer Corbett.

[Friday, 20th March, 1908] :—Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill.—Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time:—"

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words, "upon this day six months:—"(Sir Frederick Banbury):—

Question, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question," put and agreed to.

Main Question put, and agreed to:—Bill read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

[Monday, 23rd March, 1908] :—

DISTRIBUTION BY MR. SPEAKER, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 47,  
OF BILLS COMMITTED TO A STANDING COMMITTEE.

| Name of Bill.                                           | Standing Committee. |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill . . . . . | A . . . . .         |

[Thursday, 26th March, 1908] :—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir William Brampton Gurdon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Secretary Gladstone, and Mr. Herbert Samuel; and had appointed in substitution (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland, and Mr. Birrell.

Sir William Brampton Gurdon further reported from the Committee; That they had added to Standing Committee A the following Fifteen Members (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Clancy, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Healy, Mr. Nannetti, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Field, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Glover, Mr. Summerbell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Oulmes, Mr. Lonsdale, and Mr. Barrie.

[Tuesday, 31st March, 1908] :—Selection (Standing Committees). Sir William Brampton Gurdon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland and Dr. Shipman (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Russell and Sir George White.

[Thursday, 2nd April, 1908] :—Sir William Brampton Gurdon further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. McKillop (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill) and Mr. Field; and had appointed in substitution (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Patrick O'Brien and Mr. Thomas O'Donnell.

[Monday, 4th May, 1908] :—Selection (Standing Committees) (Chairmen's Panel).—Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had discharged Mr. Stuart-Wortley from being Chairman of Standing Committee A, and had appointed Sir Francis Channing to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A in his place.

[Wednesday, 6th May, 1908] :—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir William Brampton Gurdon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. McKenna, Mr. Adlam, and Mr. Lough; and had appointed in substitution (in respect of the Education (Local Authorities) Bill): Mr. Runciman, Mr. McKinnon Wood, and Mr. Walker.

[*Thursday, 21st May, 1908*]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir William Brampton Gordon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Mr. Rothschild; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Stanier.

[*Friday, 29th May, 1908*]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir William Brampton Gordon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Joyce, Mr. Smyth, and Mr. Waldron (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill); Mr. Harrington, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Nannetti, Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, Mr. William Redmond, and Mr. Patrick O'Brien; and had appointed in substitution (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Kavanagh, Mr. Hazleton, Mr. James O'Connor, Mr. Charles MacVeigh, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Jeremiah MacVeagh, Mr. Haviland-Burke, and Mr. O'Malley.

[*Wednesday, 3rd June, 1908*]:—Sir William Brampton Gordon further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill): Colonel Seely; and had appointed in substitution (in respect of the said Bill): Mr. Hobhouse.

[*Tuesday, 16th June, 1908*]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir William Brampton Gordon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Sheehy and Mr. John Redmond; and had appointed in substitution (in respect of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Halpin, and (in respect of the Coroners (Ireland) and of the Local Registration of Title (Ireland) Amendment Bills): Mr. Lardner.

## R E P O R T.

STANDING COMMITTEE A, to whom the HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES (IRELAND) BILL was referred;—Have gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

18th June, 1908.

## STANDING COMMITTEE A.

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*Tuesday, 2nd June, 1908.*

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sir FRANCIS CHANNING in the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.  
 Mr. Baldwin.  
 Mr. Hugh Barrie.  
 Sir John Bethell.  
 Mr. Boland.  
 Mr. Bowerman.  
 Mr. Haviland-Burke.  
 Sir Frederick Cawley.  
 Mr. Evelyn Cecil.  
 Mr. Clancy.  
 Mr. Charles Corbett.  
 Mr. Devlin.  
 Mr. Glover.  
 Mr. Gwynn.  
 Mr. William Edwin Harvey.  
 Mr. Haxleton.  
 Mr. Bateman Hope.  
 Mr. Kavanagh.

Mr. Charles MacVeigh.  
 Mr. Jeremiah MacVeagh.  
 Mr. M'Laren.  
 Mr. Mooney.  
 Mr. Morrell.  
 Mr. William O'Brien.  
 Mr. James O'Connor.  
 Mr. O'Malley.  
 Mr. O'Shaughnessy.  
 Mr. William Pearce.  
 Mr. John Redmond.  
 Mr. Ridsdale.  
 Mr. Sheehy.  
 Mr. Smeaton.  
 Mr. Summerbell.  
 Mr. John Ward.  
 Mr. Cathcart Wason.

## HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES (IRELAND) BILL.

Clause 1, *disagreed to*.

Clause 2.

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 1, to leave out the word "eighty," in order to insert the word "sixty"—(*Mr. Biddale*)—instead thereof.—Question proposed, "That the word 'eighty' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 5, to leave out from the word "out" to the word "Act," in line 5 (both inclusive)—(*Mr. Clancy*).—Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 9, to leave out Subsection (2)—(*Mr. Biddale*).—Question proposed, "That Subsection (2) stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 3.

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 20, after the word "1878," to add the words:

"Provided that any additional loan sanctioned under this Act must not exceed by over one-third the present borrowing powers of each local authority"—(*Mr. Hugh Barrie*).—Question, "That those words be there added,"—put, and *negatived*.

Question put, "That Clause 3 stand part of the Bill."—The Committee divided:

## Ayes, 29.

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| Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland | Mr. Glover               | Mr. William O'Brien |
| Mr. Baldwin                      | Mr. Gwynn                | Mr. James O'Connor  |
| Mr. Boland                       | Mr. William Edwin Harvey | Mr. O'Malley        |
| Mr. Bowerman                     | Mr. Hazleton             | Mr. O'Shaughnessy   |
| Mr. Haviland-Burke               | Mr. Bateman Hope         | Mr. William Pearoe  |
| Sir Frederick Cawley             | Mr. Kavanagh             | Mr. John Redmond    |
| Mr. Clancy                       | Mr. Charles MacVeigh     | Mr. Sheehy          |
| Mr. Charles Corbett              | Mr. Jeremiah MacVeigh    | Mr. Smeaton         |
| Mr. Devlin                       | Mr. Mooney               | Mr. Summerbell      |
|                                  | Mr. Morrell              | Mr. John Ward       |

## Noes, 2.

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| Mr. Hugh Barrie | Mr. Evelyn Cecil |
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## Clause 4.

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 23, to leave out the words "without any, in order to insert the words "with the"—(*Mr. Ridsdale*)—instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:

## Ayes, 25.

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| Mr. Boland               | Mr. Hasleton          | Mr. O'Malley      |
| Mr. Bowerman             | Mr. Bateman Hope      | Mr. O'Shaughnessy |
| Mr. Haviland-Barke       | Mr. Kavanagh          | Mr. John Redmond  |
| Mr. Clancy               | Mr. Charles MacVeigh  | Mr. Sheehy        |
| Mr. Charles Corbett      | Mr. Jeremiah MacVeigh | Mr. Smeaton       |
| Mr. Devlin               | Mr. Mooney            | Mr. Summerbell    |
| Mr. Glover               | Mr. Morrell           | Mr. John Ward     |
| Mr. Gwynn                | Mr. William O'Brien   |                   |
| Mr. William Edwin Harvey | Mr. James O'Connor    |                   |

## Noes, 6.

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| Mr. Baldwin     | Sir Frederick Cawley | Mr. William Pearce |
| Mr. Hugh Barrie | Mr. Evelyn Cecil     | Mr. Ridsdale       |

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5, postponed.

Clause 6, *disagreed to*.

Clause 7, postponed.

Clause 8.

Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 3, to leave out Subsection (1), in order to insert the words:

"(1) An Order of the Local Government Board under the Act of 1890—

- (a) confirming an improvement scheme; or
- (b) sanctioning a reconstruction scheme and authorising the compulsory purchase of land for the purpose; or
- (c) authorising the compulsory purchase of land for the purposes of Part III. of the Act of 1890;

shall, notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1890 or in the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1907, take effect without confirmation by Parliament or by the Local Government Board, and also, in the case of the Order secondly mentioned, without confirmation by the Local Government Board.

(2) For the purposes of the Act of 1890 or of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1907, as the case may be, the making of an Order by the Local Government Board which takes effect under this section without confirmation shall have the same effect as the confirmation of the Order by Act of Parliament or by the Local Government Board, and any reference to a Provisional Order made under those Acts, or any of them, shall include a reference to an Order which so takes effect without confirmation.

(3) For the purposes of this section section two hundred and three of The Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, shall have effect as if the words "in the month of November" were omitted from subsection two of that section, and as if the words "during the thirty days next following the date of the last publication of the adver-

tisement" were substituted for the words "in the month of December" in that subsection, and as if the provisions relating to the giving of notices in the months of September and October or in the months of October and November were omitted from that section, and section seven of the Act of 1890 shall have effect as if the words "in the month of September or October or November" were omitted from paragraph (a) of that section, and as if the words "during the thirty days next following the date of the last publication of the advertisement" were substituted for the words "in the month of December" in paragraph (b) of that section."

—(Mr. Clancy)—instead thereof.—Question, "That Subsection (1) stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *negatived*.

Question proposed, "That the proposed words be there inserted in the Clause."

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 10, to leave out from the word "and" to the word "Board," in line 12 (both inclusive)—(Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland).—Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment,"—put, and *negatived*.

Question, "That the proposed words be there inserted in the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 9.

Question put, "That Clause 9 stand part of the Bill."—The Committee divided :

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Ayes, 28.

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| Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland | Mr. Glover               | Mr. James O'Connor |
| Sir John Bethell                 | Mr. Gwynn                | Mr. O'Malley       |
| Mr. Boland                       | Mr. William Edwin Harvey | Mr. O'Shaughnessy  |
| Mr. Bowerman                     | Mr. Hasleton             | Mr. William Pearce |
| Mr. Haviland-Burke               | Mr. Bateman Hope         | Mr. John Redmond   |
| Sir Frederick Cawley             | Mr. Kavanagh             | Mr. Ridsdale       |
| Mr. Clancy                       | Mr. Charles MacVeigh     | Mr. Sheehy         |
| Mr. Charles Corbett              | Mr. Jeremiah MacVeagh    | Mr. Summerhill     |
| Mr. Devlin                       | Mr. Mooney               | Mr. John Ward.     |
|                                  | Mr. William O'Brien      |                    |

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Noes, 1.

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Mr. Hugh Barrie.

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Clause 10, *agreed to*.

Clause 11.

Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 28, after the word "upon," to insert the words "the owner's interest in"—(Mr. Clancy).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment made, by leaving out sub-section (2)—(Mr. Clancy).

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 12.

Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 4, to leave out the words "the same," in order to insert the words "and the dwelling-house is not within the time prescribed



by the order either rendered fit to the satisfaction of the local authority for human habitation or demolished, the order"—(*Mr. Clancy*)—instead thereof.—Question, "That the words 'the same' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *negatived*.

Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment made by leaving out subsection (3)—(*Mr. Clancy*).

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 13, *agreed to*.

Clause 14, *disagreed to*.

Clause 15, *agreed to*.

Clause 16.

Amendment made, in page 6, line 22, after the word "1893," by inserting the words "The Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1894"; and in line 23, by leaving out from the word "which" to the word "Acts," in line 25 (both inclusive), and adding the words "and those Acts and this Act may be cited collectively as the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1908"—instead thereof—(*Mr. Clancy*).

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 17.

Amendments made, in line 31, after the word "1903," by adding the words "The expression 'owner' has the same meaning as in the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878; and at the end of the last added Amendment by adding the words "the expression 'the fund of suitors of the supreme court' and 'the Lord Chancellor' shall have the same meanings respectively as they have in The Four Courts Library Act, 1894"—(*Mr. Clancy*).

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clauses 18 and 19, *agreed to*.

New Clause ("Power of bodies corporate &c. to appropriate or grant land for housing purposes") brought up and read the first time as follows:

"(1) Any body corporate may, notwithstanding any restriction arising by statute or otherwise, if they think fit, appropriate any land held by them for any purpose for the provision by them of dwellings available for the working classes, or transfer any land so held by them to any other person for the purpose of that provision, either by way of free grant or for such consideration and on such terms as they in their discretion think fit.

(2) Provided that the exercise of any powers under this provision by a local authority shall be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

(3) The powers exercisable by a body corporate under the foregoing provision may be exercised in the case of land belonging to the Crown by the Commissioners of Woods."

—(*Mr. Clancy*).

Clause read a second time and added to the Bill.

Another New Clause ("Donations for housing purposes") brought up and read the first time as follows:

"A local authority may accept a donation of land or money or other property for any of the purposes of the Houses Acts"

—(*Mr. Clancy*).

Clause read a second time and added to the Bill.

[Adjourned till Thursday, 18th June, at half-past eleven o'clock.

*Thursday, 18th June, 1908.*

# MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sir FRANCIS CHANNING, in the Chair.

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. Baldwin.              | Mr. Hasleton.          |
| Mr. Godfrey Baring.       | Mr. Hobhouse.          |
| Mr. Hugh Barrie.          | Mr. Hudson.            |
| Mr. Birrell.              | Sir John Jardine.      |
| Mr. Boland.               | Mr. Charles MacVeigh.  |
| Mr. Bowerman.             | Mr. Jeremiah MacVeagh. |
| Mr. Haviland-Burke.       | Mr. William O'Brien.   |
| Mr. Evelyn Cecil.         | Mr. O'Shaughnessy.     |
| Mr. Clancy.               | Mr. Parkes.            |
| Mr. Cobbald.              | Mr. William Pearce.    |
| Mr. Charles Corbett.      | Dr. Pollard.           |
| Mr. Ellis Davies.         | Mr. Ridsdale.          |
| Mr. Timothy Davies.       | Mr. T. W. Russell.     |
| Mr. Glover.               | Mr. Seaverns.          |
| Mr. Gwynn.                | Mr. Smenton.           |
| Mr. Halpin.               | Mr. Stanier.           |
| Mr. William Edwin Harvey. | Mr. John Ward.         |

## HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES (IRELAND) BILL.

## Postponed Clause 5.

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 39, to leave out the word "principal"—*(Mr. Hobhouse)*.—Question, "That the word 'principal' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 39, to leave out the words "three hundred and seventy," in order to insert the words "eighty"—*(Mr. Hobhouse)*.—instead thereof.—Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *negatived*.

Question, "That the word 'eighty' be there inserted," put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment made, in page 2, line 40, by leaving out the words "principal sum," and inserting the word "sums"—*(Mr. Hobhouse)*—instead thereof.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 3, after the word "Act," to insert the words:

"The Accountant General of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland shall, on the order of the Lord Chancellor, out of the new Two and a half Per Cent. Consols forming portion of the fund of suitors of the Supreme Court and standing to the credit of the general ledger account kept by him for dormant balances, transfer and pay to the Commissioners of Public Works, for the purposes of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts as defined by this Act, Consols to the nominal value of one hundred thousand pounds"

—*(Mr. Clancy)*.—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the last inserted Amendment, after the word "pounds," to insert the words:

"The said Commissioners shall, on such transfer and payment as aforesaid being made, forthwith sell such Consols so transferred at the price of the day and invest the proceeds thereof in any securities in which trustees are authorised by The Irish Land Act, 1903, to invest trust moneys, and the annual income of such investment shall be applied in the manner directed by this Act.

"If it happens that the securities standing to the credit of the account of the suitors of the Supreme Court, together with the dividends thereon, are at any time reduced in value to a sum not sufficient to meet the demands on them and the said dividends, then the Treasury shall advance out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof such sum as they may think necessary, not exceeding in the whole the amount which would be realised at the date of such demand as aforesaid by the sale of the securities transferred in pursuance of this section"

—*(Mr. Clancy)*.—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

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Other Amendments made, by leaving out Subsection (3)—(*Mr. Hobhouse*); and by leaving out Subsection (4)—(*Mr. Clancy*).

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Postponed Clause 7, *disagreed to*.

New Clause ("Extension to certain terms of Part II. of Act of 1890") brought up and read the first time as follows:

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section ninety-two of the Act of 1890, or in the Schedule therein mentioned, the expression 'local authority' shall, for the purposes of Part II. of the said Act, include any town commissioners for the time being existing for the paving, lighting, or cleansing of that town under any public Act of Parliament or any charter, and the expression 'local rate' shall, for the same purposes, be any rate which such commissioners have power to impose for the purpose of paving, lighting, cleansing, or otherwise improving the town, and such rate may, for the purposes of the said Part II., be increased with the like consent as is required for the increase of such rate for the purposes of Part III. of the said Act."

—(*Mr. Clancy*).

Clause read a second time and added to the Bill.

Another New Clause ("Creation and application of Irish Housing Fund") brought up and read the first time as follows:

"(1) The investments directed by section five of this Act and the sums of money mentioned in section six of this Act shall form and are in this Act referred to as 'the Irish Housing Fund.'

(2) For the purpose of allocating and paying the annual income of the Irish Housing Fund, the Commissioners of Public Works shall, prior to the first day of April in each local financial year, ascertain the sum which at the beginning of the next preceding local financial year each local authority was liable to repay for moneys borrowed by it after the passing of this Act for the purposes of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts as defined by this Act, and which at such date it had actually expended in pursuance of the said Acts, and thereupon the said Commissioners shall allocate and pay the said annual income to or amongst the local authorities in the manner following (that is to say): to each local authority which shall have become liable as aforesaid to repay moneys borrowed by it after the passing of this Act, and shall have actually expended the same as aforesaid for the purposes aforesaid, such sum as shall bear the same proportion to the amount of money so expended as the total amount of the said annual income during the said next preceding financial year shall bear to the total amount of money which, at the date of such ascertainment as aforesaid, local authorities in Ireland shall be liable to repay for moneys borrowed after the passing of this Act, and shall have actually expended for the purposes of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts as defined by this Act."

—(*Mr. Clancy*).

Clause read a second time.

Amendment proposed, in line 1, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "four"—(*Mr. Hobhouse*)—instead thereof.—Question, "That the word 'five' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *negatived*.

Question, "That the word 'four' be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment made, in lines 1 and 2, by leaving out the words "and the sums of money mentioned in section six of this Act"—(*Mr. Clancy*).

Another Amendment made, in line 5, by leaving out the words "Commissioners of Public Works," and inserting the words "Local Government Board"—(*Mr. Hobhouse*)—instead thereof.

Another Amendment made, in line 12, by leaving out the first word "said"—(*Mr. Hobhouse*).

Another Amendment proposed, in line 12, to leave out the word "Commissioners," in order to insert the words "Local Government Board"—(*Mr. Clancy*)—instead thereof.—Question proposed, "That the word 'Commissioners' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment made, in line 12, after the word "Commissioners," by inserting the words "of public works"—(*Mr. Hobhouse*).

Another Amendment made, in line 12, by leaving out the words "allocate and"—(*Mr. Ward*).

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

*Ordered*, to Report the Bill, as amended, to the House.